

In the Specification

Kindly amend the second full paragraph on page 6 to read as follows:

It is acknowledged in this respect that such a hydrolysis may result by a chemical splitting of the chains in amorphous regions of cellulose microfibrils and release of linked microcrystallites. Some process additives, such as acid-stable non-ionic wetting agents and oxidants are thus presented to the acid catalysts at the hydrolysis step. The process additives may be selected from polyalkylenoxide polysiloxanes or any of its derivatives (e.g. commercially available Dow Corning No.193, formula $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{SiO}-[(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{SiO}]_x-[\text{CH}_3\text{RSiO}]_y-\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ wherein R is $(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{O}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O})_n(\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O})_m\text{H}$, or Abil B8851 products), while hydrogen peroxide, sodium or potassium peroxide and potassium permanganate can be selected as oxidants.